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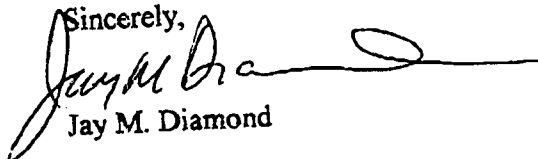
Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Justice Department
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The Microsoft antitrust settlement has been a long time coming, and I cheer on this wise arrangement. This settlement is complete and adequate enough to end this three-year-long litigation; furthermore, litigation against Microsoft is a waste of precious resources and time that could be devoted to more productive activities, particularly in the Justice Department.

Microsoft has agreed to this settlement after extensive negotiations. The corporation enthusiastically pledged to comply with all provisions of the agreement out of eagerness to return to the perils of the markets, rather than the perils of court. This settlement will benefit the technology industry as a whole and consumers on the street. It provides for the creation of a Technical Committee that Microsoft will bankroll to oversee compliance to the proposed settlement. It mandates new interoperability disclosure requirements and prohibits retaliation tactics.

I believe this settlement will be in the best interest of the public. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jay M. Diamond

Cc: Representative Jeff Miller